

A MAN HAS VIRTUES ENOUGH IF, ON ACCOUNT OF THEM, HE DESERVES FORGIVENESS FOR HIS FAULTS--Robert Smith Surtees

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## Merton Brown to learn Friday if he still has his job as town clerk

### 20-year veteran suspended by Town Manager Madeleine Henley

By MICHAEL DANIELS

"I'm just trying to keep a stiff upper lip until all this is finished," said Bethel town clk Merton Brown, as he sat Monday in the den of his Broad Street home, taking calls of support.

Town Manager Madeleine Henley suspended Brown last week from a job he's held for the past 20 years.

The suspension, until Jan. 26, is with pay. But Brown is to meet again with Henley Friday to learn if she intends to proceed from suspension to termination.

Neither Brown nor Henley will divulge the reason for the suspension at this time. Based on the advice of his attorney, Henley became of the potential for exposing the town to a costly lawsuit.

The suspension appears to have resulted at least indirectly from an illegal deposit of more than \$1,000 by Brown last year.

Brown was approached by several personnel at Rich's Department Store in Gardiner, N.H., and charged with depositing a \$1,19 battery.

Brown readily admits the battery was in his pocket when he left the store, but he contends it slipped from his hand into the pocket while he was reaching for change.

He paid for two other batteries, he said, and didn't notice the third was missing until he was confronted by store security.

But he also acknowledges a video-tape of the incident "is damaging," Gorham police chief Ron Devold said. "There is no question in the minds of Rich's security people, or in the minds of the police agency that a crime had been committed."

On Jan. 9, acting on the advice of an attorney, Brown chose not to contest the charge. He pleaded nolo contendere in Gorham District Court to a Class B misdemeanor, was found guilty, and paid a \$250 fine.

A nolo plea is not technically an admission of guilt, and it allows the defendant to deny the allegations in other proceedings.

Brown is the second upper-level town employee to be suspended by Henley in the past two months. In late November Police Chief Dale Bellman was suspended for three days with pay, then for two weeks without pay.

Bellman began an appeal to the town selectmen (who are not involved in such personnel matters unless there is an appeal), but the chief and the town reached an agreement before the appeal was heard. Under the terms of the agreement, Bellman was docked only a single week's pay and he was not put on probation. According to the memo of agreement,

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FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS COME THROUGH--Merton and Martha Brown say his suspension has taken an emotional toll on their family, but they have been cheered by scores of supportive calls and visits.  
(Photo by Michael Daniels)



STORMS BECOME A HABIT. The snow it brought, along with numerous other heavy-duty blizzards, was sprawled in banks again last week as a day of winter rains. A deluge of more than two feet of snow that had never融ned the ground. The flooding closed Route 26 on Saturday morning, trapping some folks in Bethel and forcing early-bird skiers to detour through Rumford Point to reach Sunday River. The receding flood waters left behind broken sheets of ice clinging to the bank and nearby trees.

## Snowmobilers' numbers, spending growing

By MICHAEL DANIELS  
Snowmobiling is a sport that has been around since the 1950s, but it wasn't until the 1970s that it really took off in New Hampshire. The sport has grown steadily ever since, with more than 100,000 registered snowmobilers in the state today.

The sport of snowmobiling has grown rapidly over the past few years. From the south, the sport has expanded throughout the country, with many areas around the Northeast and the Great Lakes.

Tom Remington, owner of the Swift River View Motel in Franklin, which is located on the Connecticut River, says the sport has grown rapidly over the past few years.

"It's growing dramatically. The number of snowmobilers has increased dramatically. There are more snowmobiles and more machines with families. Some times there are thousands of snowmobilers in the park two

days in a row," he said.

Bethel, like many other areas of the snow

mobiling, is top destination for tourists. Mr. Mark Ward, Director of Tourism for the State of New Hampshire, said that the sport is very popular in the state.

John Chenes, Non-Owner Insurance Point in Bethel, is right next to a snowmobile. He has operated the service center for six years at this point.

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Chenes sees the increase as being partly a result of business growth in the area.

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## Women's Pro Tour returns to Mt. Abram

Maine native Julie Parisien and two-time defending Tour champion Camilla Lundback will lead the Women's Pro Tour to Mt. Abram for the annual State of Maine Pro Cup on Jan. 27 and 28.

The best women skiers in the world will be challenging the Boris Badenov Race Trail, as pro racing makes its return to the site of last year's final event.

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Anna Boden. Boden won the first slalom race of the season in a blizzard at Timberline Resort in Davis, W.Va., and Rojs has a second place finish to her credit.

Former Romanian Ski Team member Mihaela Fera-Egan, who now lives in New Hampshire, leads the Seregenti Rookie of the Year standings after four races. She has two top four finishes, showing how quickly she has caught on to the dual pro format.

Norway Savings Bank and sup-

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## Otten undecided on Senate run

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Business first, then politics -- maybe.

A run for the U.S. Senate is tempting, Les Otten said Monday, but only if he can assure himself that while serving the state he would still be able to grow his businesses.

Otten, the owner of Sunday River Ski Resort and three other ski areas, has never held elected office, but he has been mentioned in the press as a possible Republican candidate for governor.

The U.S. Senate "was not a job that I thought would be available," Otten said. But that was before Sen. William Cohen's surprise announcement last week that he would not seek another term. And on Monday the Republican front runner for Cohen's seat, Rep. James Longley, announced he would instead seek reelection to his 1st District House seat.

Since the announcements, Otten said, he has received "a significant volume of support for a Senate run. It's really great that people even think of me. But it's a really hard call, because this business is what I do, and it's so important to me."

Otten said he has not yet set a timetable for making a decision.

## State aid to school district will increase

By ALISON OLOSDO

STATE ADOPTS AN INCREASE OF \$444 million in state revenue for its FY 97 budget, and Sept. 1, Gov. Lincoln Chafee plans to use it to increase state aid to local school districts.

Earlier this month, the School Board Members said he had received word of the increase from the Department of Education.

The extra money results from a change in the way in the state school funding formula. Median income and the cost of living index for districts to be considered along with property valuation.

Chafee said that while the state funding formula could still change as the Legislature builds its budget, Chafee has told the Dept. of Education he believes it's safe to build a budget around that formula.

The added funds are welcome news to SAD 44 officials, who were required by the board to build a fiscal budget showing no increase over the current year.

This year's budget is roughly \$669 million.

Jenkins told the board he is now proceeding on the assumption that administrators can add the new state money to the budget.

He said that would bring the gross budget to roughly \$708 million -- without adding to the taxpayers' burden.

"I think what people want to see happen is no increase to the local share," he said.

There were no objections to the proposal from directors. Jenkins had told the board at its Jan. 8 meeting that further downsizing -- to the tune of about \$200,000 -- would be necessary to hold the budget at \$6.9 million.

He said applying the \$135,000 from the state would minimize the cuts.

The first draft of the budget is ex-

pected to be presented to the board on Feb. 12.

### Selectmen invited

School directors hope to have more than the usual group of school officials in attendance when the budget is presented.

The board will invite district towns' selectmen to attend the meeting.

Jenkins said Tuesday he also planned to contact an area taxpayers' group interested in giving input on the budget. He said he sees the Feb. 12 meeting as a first step in a dialogue with community representatives.

Since the approval in November of a referendum-style vote on school budgets, many school directors have emphasized the need to get input from town officials early in the budget process.

### Custodian transfer questioned

Woodstock Elementary School students and teachers apparently don't want to lose custodian Kellie Hart to Telstar -- at least not in the middle of the school year.

Bethel director Fran Head said Hart was scheduled to be transferred to the Telstar complex in early February. Because it is a personnel issue, Head did not give the reason for the transfer.

She said she supported the decision, but thought the transfer should wait until the end of the school year.

"The kids are attached to the woman. I think it should wait until June, so there will be some closure for them," Head said.

Superintendent Ron Jenkins declined to comment on the issue because, he said, the AFSCME union had filed a grievance in the case.

"I advise the board to do nothing until this plays out as a grievance," Jenkins said.

## Editorial

### He has suffered enough

We don't know now, and may never know for certain, whether Bethel Town Clerk Merton Brown deliberately filched a \$2.19 battery from a Gorham department store.

If we take the worst view of the situation, Brown succumbed to a dumb impulse, got caught, and then back in the town where he lives and works, he tried to put the best face on the situation.

Brown claims steadfastly that he is innocent, that the description above does not apply to the sequence of events that led to his suspension. But even if it does apply, who among us has not, probably more than once, done something stupid, even illegal at the misdemeanor level, and then got caught up in the tangled web of denial or trying to cover our tracks?

And not lost our job for it.

We also do not know all the factors Town Manager Madeleine Henley is weighing as she makes her decision on Brown's future. Henley's silence on this score is entirely appropriate. Were she to talk prematurely the town could face a very costly law suit.

She must now decide whether Brown can remain in a position where he has served the town admirably for 20 years - and where he planned to serve for the remainder of his working life.

That's her call. And she knows things the public does not know, but based on our partial knowledge of the situation, and our knowledge of the man, it certainly appears that by any reasonable scale of justice he has suffered enough — in legal costs, heartache, and public humiliation for himself and his family.

Brown says that public he can tell the full story, it will be clear to all that he did no crime, that he was merely caught up in an unfortunate set of circumstances.

We certainly hope this is the case, but until clear-cut resolutions are made, Henley's silence is justifiable as the meticulous nature of the investigation continues.

But there is no room for姑息 (leniency). A suspending town manager is not the same as a suspended town clerk.

## Letters

### HONEST, KNOWLEDGEABLE, KIND

To the Editor:  
I am writing this letter to support Merton T. Brown for his position as town clerk. I am a member of the Board of Selectmen and have known him for many years. He is a hard worker, honest, kind, and always willing to help. He has been a valuable asset to the town. He has a good reputation in the community and is well liked. I believe he is the right person for the job. I hope you will consider his application. Thank you.

### AS IT STANDS: LOSE LOSE

To the Editor:  
I am writing this letter to express my concern over the recent decision to suspend Merton T. Brown from his position as town clerk. This decision is a lose-lose situation for everyone involved. On one hand, the town manager, Madeleine Henley, has the right to make her own decisions regarding the suspension of an employee. On the other hand, the town clerk, Merton T. Brown, has the right to expect fair treatment and due process. It is important that the town manager and the town clerk work together to find a solution that is fair for everyone involved.

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**GETTING READY TO ROLL**—A crew from ESPN was in the area recently filming a half-hour show on dog sledding and winter camping. Jeff Parsons of Bethel Outdoor Adventures assisted with the project. Filming took place in the area of Crocker Pond in the White Mountain National Forest. Parsons said ESPN does regular shows on out-of-the-ordinary sports. The idea for doing a show in this area came out of discussions between Parsons and a cable company representative from Connecticut, who contacted ESPN. Parsons does not yet know when the show will air. The crew is shown here at the trail head near Crocker Pond, at the beginning of the overnight camping trip. The dog team belongs to Tony Simpson, who works for Parsons

(Photo by Jeff Parsons)

### GET BEHIND HIM

#### To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to support Merton T. Brown for his position as town clerk. I have known him for many years and have always found him to be a hard worker, honest, and reliable. He has a good reputation in the community and is well liked.

I believe that the town depends on people with his knowledge and capabilities to go forward. I hope you will consider supporting Merton T. Brown for his position as town clerk.

Leland Mike Brown  
Bethel

### CAN RELY ON HIS OPINION AND JUDGMENT

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Merton T. Brown has a state-wide reputation for his knowledge of municipal affairs, particularly in the areas of the work of the clerk, tax collector, and treasurer. He currently holds state certification in all three areas. He has also organized a number of occasions by professional associations, including "Clark of the Year" in 1994, and has been president of the Maine Town Clerks Association.

I believe that the town needs a dedicated town clerk. We are indeed fortunate to have such a helpful, hard-working, and dedicated individual serving the town.

Stanley P. Howe  
Bethel

### A CONSUMMATE PUBLIC SERVANT

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## Briefly

### Petition requests recall process

ANDOVER--A petition requesting a Town Meeting warrant article that would provide for the recall of elected municipal officials has been submitted by resident Sid Pew, according to selectman Dick Plantier. Plantier said Tuesday the petition had about 70 signatures. He said Andover is a non-charter town and therefore does not currently have a recall process. Pew also submitted a petition requesting an article directing that selectmen review the minutes of all past Town Meetings, and create updated and complete files of ordinances and policies approved by the town. That petition had 30 to 40 signatures. Plantier said he expected selectmen to vote at last night's regular meeting to put the articles on the March 2 Town Meeting warrant, provided the petitions are in legal form.

### Fire protection problem for county

ANDOVER--A decision by selectmen not to provide fire protection for a proposed subdivision in an unorganized territory has left Oxford County Commissioners in a quandary. The county is responsible for arranging for fire protection. The Land Use Regulatory Commission (LURC) requested and got a letter from Fire Chief Ken Dixon saying Andover would provide coverage for a development by Bradford Bros., off the South Arm Road. Selectman Joe Madigan said selectmen are responsible for making the decision. When the development was scaled back from 40 units to 10, a new fire protection letter was needed -- this time from the selectmen, who denied it. Commissioner Fred Kennard said the county had not encountered such a situation before. He attributed the problem to Dixon and the selectmen's inability to get along.

### Condo revaluation considered

NEWRY--Selectmen are considering putting an article on the annual Town Meeting warrant to fund a revaluation of Sunday River condominiums, according to administrative assistant Sylvia Gray. Gray said that condo owners feel their property is being assessed higher than it should be. Main Equalization Consultants, Inc., a tax-assessing firm, has recommended a total revaluation of the town at an estimated cost of \$50,000. But Gray said the firm will submit to selectmen another estimate and report to cover only the condominium revaluation, so that the issue may be resolved more quickly.

### Oxford County tax rate set

PARIS--Oxford County commissioners set the 1996 mil rate for towns last week. It reflects a 2.3 percent increase over last year. Towns will pay 6.78 cents per \$1,000 of property valuation. Last year's rate was 6.63 cents per \$1,000. The total to be raised by taxation will be \$2,091,472, up from \$2,003,497 in 1995. County administrative assistant Carole Mahoney said the tax increase is due to salary hikes and related benefit costs. Most county employees received a 2-percent raise.

### AmeriCorps to help area farmers

SOUTH PARIS--AmeriCorps members Anne Wilson and Rob Campbell are providing services through the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Oxford, Androscoggin and Sagadahoc counties. Their services range from educating students on environmental issues to providing workshops for local community members on water quality. A major part of their work involves providing agricultural producers with information and assistance. An informational meeting on the free services will be held at 1 p.m. in the USDA Farm Service Agency at 1 Main St. in South Paris. For more information call 743-7010.

### School says sports a privilege

RUMFORD--A Mountain Valley High School student was denied his request to play basketball following his arrest and indictment on robbery and assault charges in December. Albert Steven Gonzales' attorney, Thomas Carey, confronted the SAD43 School Board about the issue at a meeting last week. He argued the school's extracurricular policy is too vague, and the administrators' decision to bar the boy from playing was based on alleged events. Supt. Danny Michaud said after the meeting that the policy states that extracurricular participation is a privilege. "Since the reputation of a school program is often judged by the athletic program and its participants, high standards must be maintained," the policy reads. The school board refused to consider the issue either publicly or in executive session.

### Snowmobiler dies near Rangeley Lake

RANGELEY--The body of a 24-year-old Massachusetts snowmobiler was found Sunday, hours after his sled crashed at the edge of Rangeley Lake. The body of Andrew Palmer of Sudbury, Mass., was found wedged between trees, according to Maine Warden Service spokesman. Investigators believe Palmer was speeding when he approached the shore and hit the brakes. The machine skidded sideways and crashed. Officials did not know whether Palmer died of the impact or froze to death. Wardens were investigating whether alcohol may have been involved in the crash.

### Brewpub opens new brewery

PORTLAND--Sunday River Brewing Company has opened another brewery in Portland. Known as Stone Coast Brewing, the business is located in the Gorham's Corner area. Four Stone Coast brews will be served, according to owner Grant Wilson. Wilson said the business will feature a combination of brewery, restaurant, and nightclub.

### Sheriff qualifications stricter

PORLTAND--The state has adopted qualifications requiring candidates for sheriff to demonstrate their ability to manage patrol deputies and corrections officers. The new law requires candidates to prove they have the same level of law enforcement and management experience that Maine's municipal police chief applicants have had to demonstrate since 1976. Before the law, candidates simply had to prove they were residents of the county where they were seeking election, then gather signatures.

### Lung association supports RFG

AUGUSTA--The American Lung Association of Maine has stated its continued support for the use of reformulated gasoline (RFG) as a means to reduce ozone levels in Maine. Dr. Lee Ann Baggott of the ALA said, "we are concerned about the effect RFG may have on certain individuals, but we do not believe the current medical evidence supports abandoning an effective ozone reduction strategy. We do know that ozone is one of the most common outdoor air triggers of asthma attacks and has been shown to cause damage to lung tissue in healthy individuals." Asthma prevalence in Maine increased by 40 percent between 1982 and 1992. The Clean Air Act of 1990 recommended use of RFG to improve air quality.

### Date for Mt. Washington race changed

CONWAY, N.H.--The date for the Annual Bicycle Hillclimb up the Mt. Washington Auto Road has been moved from the weekend after Labor Day to late August. The move followed the cancellation of the race the past two years due to extreme weather conditions at the summit of Mt. Washington. The race has been called one of the 10 toughest bicycle hillclimbs in the U.S. It is a major fundraiser for the Tin Mountain Conservation Center of New Hampshire. This year's race is scheduled for Aug. 24, with a weather date of Aug. 25.

### N.H. Fish and Game on Internet

CONCORD--In an effort to deliver information to the public faster and more efficiently, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department has established a site on the Internet's World Wide Web. The WWW site has a range of information about fish, wildlife and outdoor-related activities. The pages include, for example, the latest information on hunting and fishing licenses and educational programs. The address is <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us>.

### Town clerk

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Bellman's offense was being unavailable for duty on a morning he had been scheduled to work.

Brown's suspension is the target of a petition circulating widely throughout town. The petition reads, in part, as follows: "Merton Brown has spent 20 years working for the Town of Bethel. His vast experience and delivery of service is important to the Town and to us. His job is a vital part of his life and the life of his wife and his three children."

The petition, which is addressed to Henley, goes on to urge her to allow him to keep his job. Several letters to the editor in this week's edition make a similar plea.

Should Henley decide to terminate Brown, he too has the option of appealing to the Board of Selectmen. He declined Monday to tell The Citizen if he planned to take that course.

He did say that once the matter of his employment was resolved, he was eager to go public with all the details of the events leading up to his suspension.

He said there have been no other criminal, or even traffic, infractions on his record. His wife, Martha, said she hoped Henley would "go on his past record of service." Both thanked the scores of people who have called to express their support.

Brown did speak briefly of the emotional impact of the ordeal on his children -- and on that subject his stiff upper lip failed him.

### Questions raised on supervision in middle school art classes

A parent and a school director voiced strong objections Monday to the way Telstar Middle School handled overcrowding in an art class.

Newry director Debbie Gilbert and parent Becky Shaw of Bethel told the School Board that eight eighth-grade students from an overcrowded art class were placed in a portable classroom in early November.

They had five different staff members overseeing them during a three-week period, according to Shaw. On some days, she said, there was no supervision at all.

Gilbert said in a letter to the board that the art class had no curriculum, and the administration was slow in responding to parent complaints.

"I am very concerned that the administration allowed students of TMS to spend eight weeks of unproductive time without a curriculum," she wrote.

TMS principal Dick Blackman responded to the complaints in a memo to Supt. Ron Jenkins.

Blackman said the overcrowding

was initially caused by loss of Unified Arts offerings, due to budget cuts. He said another staff person was assigned to the extra eight students.

"During the first quarter of the year the individual that was assigned to work with these students had some talent in arts and crafts and some artwork was taught," Blackman wrote.

When staffing changed again in November, as delayed staff layoffs from the budget cuts went into effect, the program had to be reorganized again.

Blackman said a plan for both seventh- and eighth-grade students has been drawn up for the third quarter. He said a combination of guidance and art skills will be taught, and students participating will do so voluntarily.

Commenting on the issue after the meeting, Jenkins said, "We are aware we were not as efficient in solving this as we should have been. I wish we could have done it more quickly."

### Rescuers say cell-phone users too often cry wolf

Rescue workers in the White Mountain National Forest say valuable time and resources are being wasted on inexperienced hikers with cellular telephones who wander into the mountainous wilderness believing help is just a phone call away.

"These cellular telephones have created an abuse of the search and rescue system," said Ron Alie, chief of law enforcement for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

There has been a rash of incidents this year where people have gone into the WMNF thinking they can call authorities any time they run into trouble on the trail, Alie said.

He used a weekend episode to illustrate his point.

A Massachusetts couple camped on Mount Flume in snow and freezing rain late Friday night, and continued to the summit Saturday. That night, the couple's water supply froze and the man woke up shaking uncontrollably, Alie said.

"At about 5 a.m. Sunday morning, we get a 911 call from the girl saying she thinks the man is suffering from hypothermia," he said.

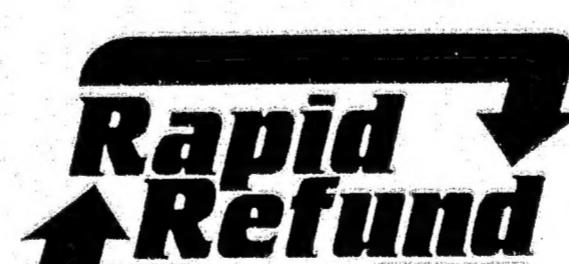
They could not get their new heating stove ignited and tried to warm themselves with candles, he said.

Rescuers started up the mountain Sunday morning, then backed off when the woman called back and said her companion felt better and the couple would walk off the mountain.

"We have an obligation to respond to calls for help, and we will," Alie said. "But people need to understand that it's their responsibility to try everything possible to save themselves first."

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### From the Bethel Police log:

#### Police enforce bedtime

On Jan. 18 at 1:22 a.m., a caller reported several subjects fighting at her apartment. When police arrived the complainant said there had been no fight but she had been arguing with her son, who did not want to go to bed. The son acknowledged there had been an argument. The officer sent him to bed after telling him to listen to his mother.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

At 4:45 p.m., a Church Street resident reported that at 11 a.m. his wife left their residence, and on returning at 11:38 she discovered the back outside door open and the door knob to the inside door torn off. She went out again at 12:20 p.m., and on returning at 4 p.m. she discovered the front door was open. The complainant said nothing appeared to have been taken. He wanted the incident on file.

Thursday, Jan. 18

At 1:06 a.m. a Bethel Park Apartments resident reported that at 1:03 a.m. an unidentified female knocked on her door and said she had been raped. The caller said the woman was very intoxicated. She was last seen walking from the complex. The officer spoke with a man who had also spoken with the woman. He said he did not recognize her, but that she was intoxicated. Police were not able to locate her.

At 1:36 a.m., a Bethel Park Apartments resident reported he had been threatened by a man who had brandished a shotgun and said he (the complainant) was "dead." The subject was apparently upset with his ex-girlfriend's past/present relationship with the complainant. The woman also lives in the apartment complex. The officer gave the complainant a statement form and advised him to complete it in the morning, because he was too intoxicated to do so at the time.

Friday, Jan. 19

At 1:58 a.m., Sunday River security requested that police check on the well-being of a female who was reportedly enroute home to Mexico on foot. The security person was concerned because of the heavy fog and lack of visibility. Police checked the Route 2/Bridge St. area with negative results. At 2:04 a.m. police were advised that the subject was at the Big Apple on Railroad Street. The officer spoke with the woman, who had been drinking, but she did not appear to be visibly intoxicated. He suggested she not walk home. The woman said her mother was enroute to pick her up.

Saturday, Jan. 20

At 4:35 p.m., a complainant reported that two females and one male had entered the Mt. Mann jewelry store on Main Street. He said they acted oddly, and then left. He noticed a silver bracelet was missing, and possibly a pair of earrings. He said he did not see the subjects take anything, but felt the items were taken. The complainant said he had spoken with one of the females previously, and she told him she was a student at Gould Academy. The bracelet was sterling silver with pink, blue and green on the top, and was valued at \$30.

*This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log, but does not include all reports of police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies. An answering machine takes calls when an officer is not in the office.*

### FROM THE

#### Bethel Town Office

A savings of 19 percent annually for the disposal of demolition debris has just been discovered. The town will be signing a contract with Grimm's Industries for the next year. This company has been contracted by Bethel in the past and owns a great service record.

The disposal of the demolition debris is one of the most costly components of Bethel's solid waste stream. The town is billed for three separate services: hauling, tipping and container rental.

Historically, the hauling charges have been the most expensive part of the bill. This is the major area where Grimm's will be saving the taxpayers money.

The demolition debris tonnage is up by 27 percent, compared to this time last year. Therefore, its disposal cost will continue to be a large component of the solid waste budget. This new contract significantly reduces and controls the operational costs. On the other hand, the cost of tipping fees can only be controlled at the source of generation. Generators are the parties who own this responsibility. Demolition debris needs to be reduced at the source. Many of these materials can be reused. Please contact the town office for more information.

Kathy Koyleski  
Assistant to the Town Manager

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## Greenwood town manager vote:

# Town officials overlooked state meeting requirement

By ALISON ALOISIO

Herb Dunham sees it as incompetence, Fran Piccirillo sees it as one more reason why Greenwood should hire a town manager.

Greenwood selectmen, by law, should have scheduled a special Town Meeting to reconsider the town manager issue.

But they didn't -- due to an oversight, they said. Instead, the revote had been scheduled for the March annual Town Meeting.

Chair Marie Bartlett informed townspeople of the mistake following a special Town Meeting last week.

Greenwood voted at the March 1995 annual Town Meeting to adopt a town manager form of government.

In August, however, resident Sam Chittick circulated a petition asking that the vote be reconsidered, and selectmen scheduled it for March.

Bartlett told the dozen voters it last week's meeting that town assessor Eliot Hole had informed her a meeting for a change in town government should by law take place at least 90 days before a regular Town Meeting.

With this year's meeting scheduled for March 10, that cannot happen. Hole said the manager position can still ultimately be selected at the March meeting -- by not approving the article requesting final

ing for the position.

Bartlett said that town clerk Phyllis Coolidge knew of the 90-day law, and "she thought we knew. Sam Chittick also knew and he chose not to say anything. The three of us (selectmen) were the only ones who didn't know," she said.

Dunham, an opponent of the town manager government, didn't buy that explanation.

"I think you must have known the law. You had the law when you did away with me. I wondered why you waited eight or nine months to have a meeting," he said.

Dunham, the former assessor for Greenwood, was referring to a special Town Meeting several years ago. At that meeting, voters approved giving assessing power to selectmen rather than having a single appointed assessor.

Bartlett said later the earlier meeting was required under the same law because it involved changing the assessor from an appointed to an elected position.

She said selectmen chose to wait until the March meeting for the manager revote because special meetings were generally frowned upon by townspeople. She also said there would be a larger turnout for the regular meeting.

"We completely forget along the law. I wish Phyllis or Sam had said something," she said. It is now too

sight) certainly wasn't deliberate."

"Why should someone have to come in and remind you?" asked Dunham.

Piccirillo was quick to come to the selectmen's defense.

"Isn't this a reason to have a town manager? Because these three poor people don't know the law? A town manager has time to study the law. You're beating on these people because they didn't know. They made a mistake -- let it go, Herb," he said.

Dunham replied that he was only speaking his mind. Neither Coolidge nor Chittick was at the meeting.

### Petition not binding

Bartlett also said Hole told her the selectmen were under no legal obligation to hold a reconsideration vote at all, and that the petition was not worded in such a way to be legally binding.

"He said it was left up to the selectmen. We asked if we could still go ahead and hold the vote, even if the petition was illegal. He said 'yes,' and we decided to do it," she said.

But because no special meeting can be held, Hole said that even if the town turns thumbs down on a manager in March -- either by revoking funding or an outright vote -- the town had already paid to fix half of the bridge.

would still technically be under a town manager form of government until 1997.

As a result, the town clerk, tax collector, treasurer, registrar of voters and road commissioner would have to be appointed for the following year, rather than elected, because it would have been the manager's responsibility to appoint those officials.

Alan Seames is the current road commissioner; Coolidge holds all the other positions.

Selectman Harry Swan suggested townspeople might want to go ahead with the town manager, at least for a few months. He said a reconsideration vote could be held at least 90 days before the 1997 Town Meeting, if voters were dissatisfied with the manager.

### Candidates interviewed

Following the mandate of last year's Town Meeting, selectmen interviewed four town manager candidates Saturday. Bartlett said the town would not enter into a contract with the successful candidate, until the town votes again in March.

### Grant money accepted

Those in attendance at last week's meeting voted to accept \$20,000 in state grant money to repair an abutment on the Kendall Brook bridge in the Irish Neighborhood.

The town had already paid to fix

## Epic Brass at Gould



The Monday Club Performing Arts Series will feature an evening of music performed by the Boston-based ensemble "Epic Brass." The performance, which is open to the public, will take place at Bethel Auditorium on Thursday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

The quintet, now in its second decade of performing, will present an eclectic repertoire ranging from renaissance and baroque selections to classical, sacred, and popular music. They have performed at such venues as Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center, as well as throughout Europe, Canada and Bermuda, breathing new life into traditional brass pieces and making 20th century works accessible to all ages.

The members of Epic Brass place a great deal of importance on education, in addition to over 100 concert series and numerous community outreach school concerts, master classes, and workshops throughout the country. Prior to the Thursday evening performance, they will present two concert clinics designed especially for the Mahoneay Arts Council at Crescent Park School, the performance from Andover and Woodstock Elementary schools, and a piano for Crescent Park students.

Admission to Thursday's Epic Brass concert is \$10, but primarily should be a joy. Our most ardent desire is that our audience members leave the hall

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The tax law contains a presumption that an activity is a business, not a hobby, if it is profitable in three out of five consecutive years (two out of seven consecutive years for activities involving horses). Some factors which help determine whether you have a hobby or a business include:

- Whether you conduct the activity in a businesslike manner.
- How much time and effort you spend on the activity.
- Whether there is a reasonable expectation that the business will be profitable.
- Whether losses in this activity continue beyond the normal time to bring such an operation into profitable status.
- Whether the occasional profits in relation to losses and the total investment are realistic.
- Whether you have substantial income from sources other than this activity.
- Whether the activity has elements of personal pleasure or recreation.

If you hope to deduct any losses resulting from a sideline business, be certain that you are doing all that is necessary to meet the requirements of running the activity in a business-like manner.

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**THE DOCTOR IS IN**—The Riverside Family Practice on the Northwest Belch Road opened for business on Jan. 2. Family physician Dr. Thomas O'Meara and physician's assistant Cathy Dorr will offer patients 24-hour medical coverage. The practice is part of the Swift River Family Practice, affiliated with the Rumford Community Hospital. O'Meara said the affiliation will allow his practice to offer other services as well — such as obstetric care from Rumford physicians who will come to Bethel on a regular basis. He also said patients who have had care through Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway may continue that relationship, since he is on the staff at both hospitals. Regular hours at the Riverside practice will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with evening and Saturday hours planned eventually. An open house will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27. Shown here with O'Meara are LPN Sootie Brown and receptionist Barbara Larsen.

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

### SCORE WORKSHOPS

Come Feb. 6, SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), Rumford, will offer a six-week Small Business Series of workshops in the SAD43 Adult Education Program.

The two-hour workshops are aimed at anyone contemplating a business start-up. INC magazine video tapes will be used in the first hour. The second hour will consist of focus groups on how to develop a business plan.

Classes will be held at Mt. Valley High School on Tuesday nights, 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. The fee for all six sessions is \$30. For information and to sign up, call NOVA at 364-3122.



Anita Remington

### REMINGTON JOINS BANK

Anita Remington has joined the Bethel Savings Bank management team.

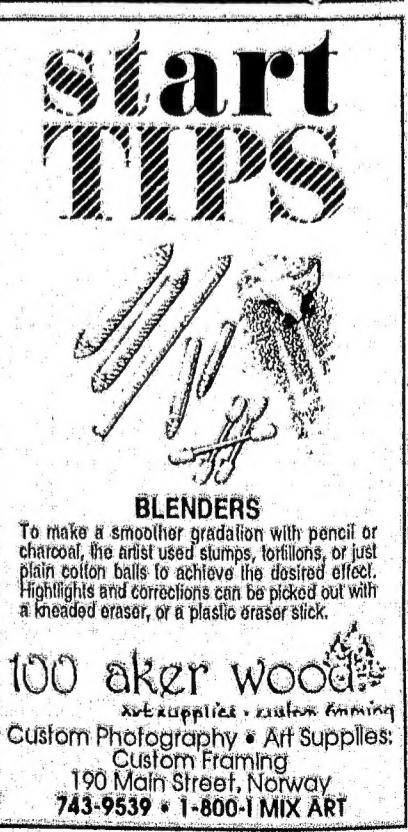
Remington will be branch manager of the South Paris office and serve as assistant vice president overseeing the regional operations of both the South Paris and Harvard markets.

Remington was born and raised in Maine. Before joining Bethel Savings Bank, she was a branch manager for Atlantic Bank in their Auburn market and was previously with Cisco Northern Bank.

She graduated from Telstar High School in Bethel and has taken numerous courses through the American Institute of Banking and is a graduate of the Androscoggin Leadership Development Institute.

She is president of the Western Maine Management Club, a member of the Auburn Rotary Club, affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star in Bethel and a long-time member of the Bethel Outing Club. She lives in Bethel with her husband, Robert, and two sons.

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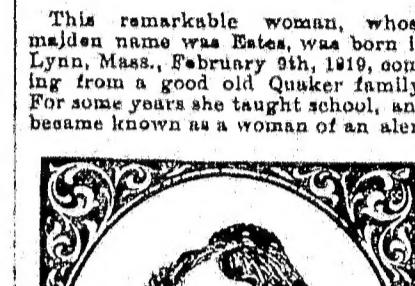
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Lydia E. Ballou

This remarkable woman, whose maiden name was Estelle, was born in Lynn, Mass., February 9th, 1819, coming from a good old Quaker family. For some years she taught school, and became known as a woman of an alert

and investigating mind, an earnest seeker after knowledge, and above all possessed of a wonderfully sympathetic nature.

In 1843 she married Isaac Pinckham, a builder and real estate operator, and their early married life was marked by prosperity and happiness. They had four children, three sons and a daughter.

In those good old fashioned days it was common for mothers to make their own home medicines from roots and herbs, nature's own remedies, easily available in a physician only in special urgent cases. By trial and experience many of them gained a wonderful knowledge of the curative properties of the various roots and herbs.

Mrs. Pinckham took a great interest in the study of roots and herbs, their characteristics and power over disease. She maintained that just as nature so beautifully provides in the harvest fields and orchards vegetables foods of all kinds, so, if we but take the pains to find them in the woods and fields of the earth, there are medicines expressly designed to cure the various ills and weaknesses of the body, and it was her pleasure to search these out and prepare simple and effective medicines for her own family and friends.

One of these was a rare combination of the choicer medicinal roots and herbs found best adapted for the cure of the ills and weaknesses peculiar to the females and Lydia E. Pinckham's friends and neighbors learned that her compound relieved and cured it became quite popular among them.

All this so far was done freely, without money and without price, as a labor of love.

But in 1873 the financial panic struck Lynn. Its length and severity were to men for the large real estate interest of the Pinckham family, as this class of business suffered most from fearful depression, so when the panic year dawned at last, and the panic grip went away, some other source of income had to be found.

At this point Lydia E. Pinckham's Vegetable Compound was made known to the world.

The three sons and their daughters with their mother started to sell

### FRUIT ORDERS

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At this point Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was first shown to the world.

The three sons and the daughter with their mother continued to live to

restore the family fortune. They argued that the medicine which was so good for their women friends and neighbors was equally good for the women of the whole world.

The Pinkhams had no money, and little credit. Their first laboratory was the kitchen, where roots and herbs were steeped in the stove, gradually filling a glass of bottles. Then came the question of selling it, for always before they had given it away freely. They hired a job printer to run off some pamphlets setting forth the merits of the medicine, now called Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and these were distributed by the Pinkham sons in Boston, New York, and Brooklyn.

The wonderful curative properties of the medicine were to a great extent self-advertising, for whoever used it recommended it to others, and the demand gradually increased.

In 1877, by combining efforts the family had saved enough money to commence newspaper advertising, and from that time the growth and success of the enterprise were assured, until today Lydia E. Pinkham and her Vegetable Compound have become household words everywhere, and many tons of roots and herbs are used annually in its manufacture.

Lydia E. Pinkham herself did not live to see the great success of this work. She passed to her reward years ago, but not till she had provided means for continuing her work as effectively as she could have done it herself.

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#### FRUIT ORDERS

Fresh Florida fruit will be available through the Rumford Point Congregational Church in February.

The third order of the season will consist of temple oranges, and grapefruit. Temple oranges come only in half cases at a price of \$9.50 per half case. Grapefruit are priced at \$15.75 a case or \$8.25 a half case.

Orders must be placed no later than Jan. 25 for expected pick-up on Wednesday, Feb. 7. The pick up will be held at the Rumford Point parsonage, corner of Jed Martin Road and Route 2 in Rumford Point, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. that day. To place an order, call Barbara at 364-7604.

#### MOUNTAIN VIEW KNITTERS

Mountain View Knitters, TKGA, Day Group will meet Monday, Feb. 5, 10 a.m., at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Fryeburg. For more information, call 207-693-6782 or 603-483-9702.

For more information and an interview, contact Lisa at 784-3995.

#### Snowmobiles

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But he thinks that might change if a planned snowmobile bridge addition to the current Route 2 bridge becomes a reality. He said that right now, the potentially hazardous trip across the highway bridge keeps some long-distance snowmobilers away.

"It's a real deterrent to trying to get people to come up here," he said.

#### Rentals popular

Remington also said a few of his guests have tried their hand at the sport by renting snowmobiles for the day.

Rocky Freda of Sun Valley Sports in Bethel is reaping the benefits from those who just want a snow machine for the day.

Freda's business, new this season, offers 15 snowmobiles for rent. He said they're all in use on most weekends.

He said rentals allow first-time snowmobilers to get a taste of the sport without spending thousands of dollars on their own sled.

A 20-minute orientation on snowmobile operation and laws is part of Freda's \$90-\$175 rental package. He is also working toward having a full staff of master guides registered with the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Department who can offer guided snowmobile tours.

Some of his customers are destination snowmobilers. Freda

said one group of people was coming up from Massachusetts this past weekend specifically to rent snowmobiles.

He also said a man from England, staying at the Portland Regency Hotel, came up for a ride to celebrate his birthday. Freda said he had a great time.

"I haven't had anybody come back yet without a smile on their face," he said.

Freda would also like to see more businesses -- especially restaurants and motels -- tied into the trails.

He plans to pursue the idea with area businessmen.

#### Fees for trail usage?

In the opinion of at least one landowner, snowmobile rental businesses should pay private landowners for the use of their property.

Sylvia Gray's two miles of trail in Newry have been open to recreational snowmobilers for 10 years. But she is drawing the line at rentals because the business profits directly from the use of her land.

"I have no problem with them being in business. But they should consider a fee as part of the cost of doing business," she said.

Gray said she has tried to work out an arrangement with Freda, but without success. She has now posted her trails as off-limits to all rental machines.

Both Freda and Scott Ramsay, of

the state Bureau of Parks and Land Management, disagree with Gray's stand.

They see no difference between a rental business profiting from the use of private land and other businesses who benefit indirectly.

"What's the difference between a rental agency renting and the guy selling snowmobiles, or pumping gas, or a restaurant?" Ramsay said.

Freda agreed, saying charged or not, all users should be treated the same.

Ramsay also said that landowners charging fees would lose the protection of a state law that shelters them from liability for snowmobile injuries that might occur on their land.

"The land liability law says clearly they have no liability if they don't charge a fee or deliberately try to harm someone," he said.

Ramsay said a private trail system near Old Forge, N.Y., charges all snowmobilers \$75 a day for trail usage, "but half of that goes to insurance," he said.

He said his department deals with 20,000 landowners throughout the state, and only a handful charge.

But Gray doesn't buy those arguments. Regarding businesses that profit indirectly from the use of private trails, she said, "That's pretty far removed. Somebody is making money on 100 percent of those ma-

chines rented. What percent of the motel's profits come from it?"

Gray also said she had spoken with Ramsay about the state law. She said it was her understanding that the law gives protection as long as a landowner does not use his property primarily for commercial recreational purposes.

#### Andover charged

The Andover snowmobile club is charged \$100 a season for the use of seven miles of trails in the Richardson Lakes area, Ken Jodrey said.

He said the land is owned by the Seven Islands Land Management Co., of Bangor.

Ramsay confirmed the company does charge fees.

"They charge to recoup staff time for permitting for the use of particular pieces of property," he said.

The landowner issue aside, Freda says he does his fair share to help out area snowmobile clubs.

He is a member of the Bethel, Greenwood, and Newry clubs and regularly helps groom trails in Bethel. He also said he charges his customers \$4 for a trail map, and turns the money back to the clubs.

Jodrey is comfortable with that type of arrangement.

"If they make a donation to the local club, they should be able to use the trails," he said.

#### LOW-INCOME HOUSING REPAIR LOANS

The local office of Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD), formerly Farmers Home Administration, is currently taking applications for its 504 housing repair and rehabilitation loan and grant program, according to Community Development manager, Alton W. Wedberg.

The program is for very low-income owners of existing dwellings and mobile homes who need to remove health or safety hazards, and can include energy conservation measures such as insulation and heating systems. Other development items can include septic systems, wells, roofs and handicap facilities.

Examples of annual income limits for Oxford County are: family of two, \$12,900; family of four, \$16,150; family of six, \$18,750.

#### Corrections

Wrong river. The Androscoggin River joins the Kennebec River (not the Penobscot, as stated in last week's edition) in Merrymeeting Bay.

Not daycare. A subbed in last week's edition incorrectly referred to Marie Keane's Neighborhood Nursery School as a daycare business. It is not.

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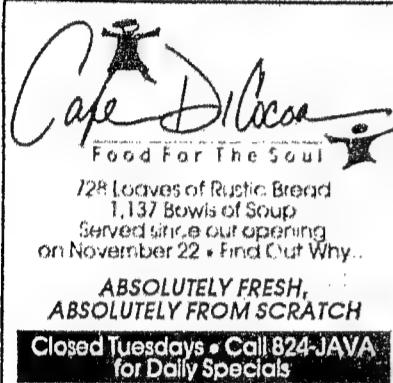


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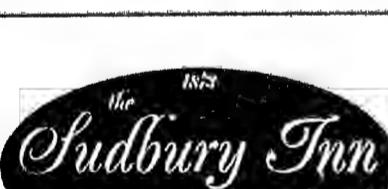
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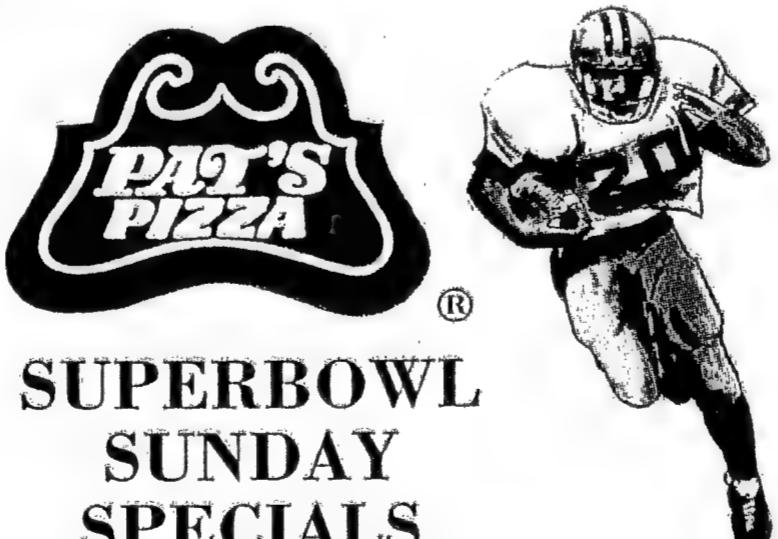
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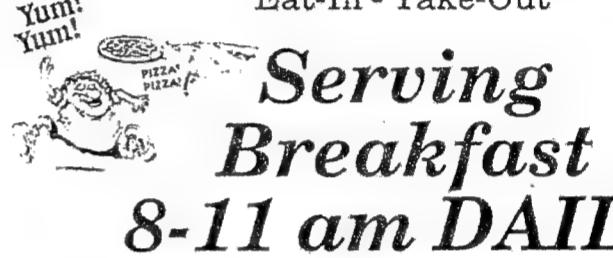
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7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
(3) Seinfeld	Cheers	Movie: "Murderous Vision"		News	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Cheers				
(6) Waltons	Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club		The Four Musketeers						
(6) Home Imp.	Friends	Mad-You	Semifld	Caroline	ER		News				
(8) Entertainment Weekly	Funny Home Videos	Movie: "Mad Dog and Glory"				News					
(10) News-Lehrer	Maine	Maine	Mystery!	Love Hurts	Served	Red Green					
(11) SportsNet	College Basketball: Connecticut at Pittsburgh	College Basketball: Duke at Temple			Sponsor						
(12) Club Dance	News	Joan Cusack	Prime Time Country	Club Dance	News						
(13) Bill T. Smith Ent.	Smith's Amazing Journey	Dangerous Animals	100 Hours		News						
(14) VH1 Movie	America's King of Hard Rock	Movie: "The King"	College Basketball: Cal at Wash. St.								
(15) Music Box	Movie: "Breakfast	Movie: "Breakfast	Strips	Inside the NFL							
(17) Entertainment Weekly	Knight of the Round Table	All About Tom Jones	Inside Out	Movie: "Guys and Dolls"							
(18) VH1 Movie	Movie: "Big Red"	Movie: "The Grapes"	Movie: "Holl"								
(20) NBC-Hockey	Tampa Bay Lightning vs. Boston Bruins	College Basketball: La Salle at Xavier									
(21) SportsNet	College Basketball: UConn vs. Penn	Movie: "Mysteries"									
(22) SportsNet	Movie: "Raiders"	Movie: "Requiem"	Peter	Van Dyke							
(24) Entertainment Weekly	Movie: "The Last Castle"	Movie: "The Last Castle"	Foundations								
(25) VH1 Movie	Movie: "The Last Castle"	Movie: "The Last Castle"	Movie: "Taxi"	Kotter	Newhart	Van Dyke					
(26) VH1 Movie	Movie: "The Substitute"	Movie: "She Wrote"	Renegades	Silk Stalkings	Silk Stalkings						
(27) Biography	Cont'd	Biography			Movie: "The Road Warriors"						
(32) As You Wish	Balletta	GOP TV: "Rising Tide"	News	Black Exp.	Magnum, P.I.						
(34) E! Entertainment	Sister, Sis.	Kirk	Parent	Citizen	News	Night Court	Walker				
(39) Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Travel	CNN Presents	World News	Sports	NBA Wk.				

SUNDAY EVENING JANUARY 28, 1996											
7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
(3) Movie: "Deadly Desire"		Star Trek: Voyager		News	Babylon 5	Kung Fu					
(5) Around the World in 80 Days		Movie: "Columbo: Murder, Smoke and Shadows"			Father Dowling Mysteries						
(6) Super Bowl XXX: Dallas Cowboys vs. Pittsburgh Steelers Cont'd					Friends	Friends	Outer Limit				
(8) Videos	Videos	Love & Clark-Superman	Movie: "Deceived"								
(10) Stratblair		Nature	Masterpiece Theatre		Real Life	Great Riveria					
(11) Bodybuild.	Bodybuilding	Fit America	Figure Skating	Professional Legends		Sportscenter	Football				
(12) In-Fish	Bill Dance	Back Road	Outdoors	Championship Rodeo	Motor Tid	Win!	Raceday	Speed			
(13) 60 Minutes	Cybill	Almost	Movie: "To Dance With the White Dog"			News					
(14) Basketball	Women's College Basketball: Virginia at Clem	Women's Volleyball: Orange County at Utah									
(15) Blankman"	Shakespr	Movie: "Airheads"	Crypt Tales	Shock Video J.	Dennis M.	Tracey					
(17) Movie: "Mark Twain and Me"		Trisha Yearwood	Movie: "Lawrence of Arabia"								
(18) Movie: "It's Alive" Cont'd	Movie: "It Lives Again"		Movie: "It's Alive III: Island of the Alive"		Movie: "I.A. Dreams"						
(20) Olympic Odyssey		Skiing: U.S. Pro Tour	Skiing	Fox Chase	Skiing USA	Basketball					
(21) The Amy Fisher Story	Intimate Portrait		Desperate Rescue: The Callie Matone Story		Barbara Walters						
(22) Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	National Geographic Explorer		Earth	Pad Prug					
(24) My Brother	You Afraid	Nick News	Munsters	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Kotter	Newhart	Van Dyke		
(25) Mr. Blundett Builds His Dream House		Movie: "The Far Horizons"									
(26) The Substitute	Cont'd	Murder: She Wrote	Renegades	Silk Stalkings	Silk Stalkings						
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FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 26, 1996											
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MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 29, 1996		
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11:00	11:30
Kung Fu	
Gather Dowling Mysteries	
News	Outer Limits
Sportcenter: Football	
Monday	Speed
News	
Barbara Walters	Sport
Earth	Tracey
Movie: "I Dream"	
Skunk USA	Basketball
Barbara Walters	
Earth	Paid Pug
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Perfect Furtough	
Silk Stalkings	
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11:00	11:30
MA'SH	Cheers
The Rockford File	
News	
Wendy Williams	
Mayo Clinic	
My Man	Bridge
Kathy	TV Dinners
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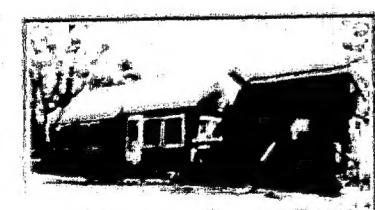
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Greenwood Rd., Greenwood - 2 bdrm, nice starter/retirement home, waterfront on Hicks Pond and priced to sell! - A great buy at \$89,900!



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Spectacular Powder Ridge - Beautiful 3 bdrm, 2.5 baths, fieldstone fireplace, great decks with breathtaking views and more! - A great buy at \$164,900!



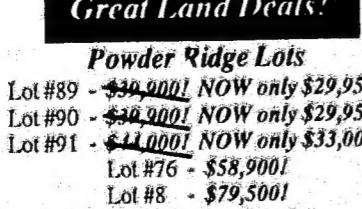
Eden Ridge Townhomes - Great views, fireplaces, garages, 2 bdrm units, some with many extras, in-town convenience! - from \$99,900 - \$115,000!



Chamberlain Condominiums - Outdoor pool, spectacular views, 2 & 3 bdrm units in new building with gas heat! Two resales at great prices! - from \$69,000 - \$149,900!



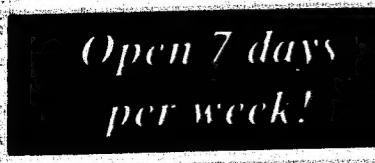
Mt. Abram Condo - Excellent 1 bdrm, first floor unit with woodstove, furnished, excellent rental history! Priced to sell at \$59,000!



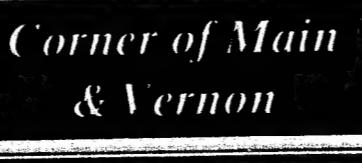
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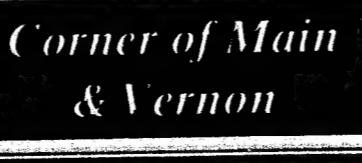
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